

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

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WSDOT Construction Activity & Possible Delays/March 28-April 8, 2002

<u>Road Conditions</u>: Motorists should expect winter driving conditions. Vehicles should be equipped with proper tires, carry chains, and emergency equipment. For Washington State Mountain Pass conditions call 1-800-695-7623, extension 1. <u>For road conditions between the Spokane area and Ritzville, Tri-Cities, Colville, Newport, or Pullman call 1-800-695-7623, extension 511.</u>

HIGH IMPACT!! Sullivan Road and Indiana Avenue Intersection- Crews will be working on the traffic signal system on Sullivan Road at Indiana Avenue today, Thursday, March 28. The work will be underway from about 9:00 a.m. until around Noon. During this work, the signal system will be off and traffic will be directed by flagging personnel. This location is on Sullivan Road on the north side of Interstate 90. Motorists should be alert for possible congestion and short delays. Drivers should also be on the alert for flaggers and construction personnel in and adjacent to the roadway. There is no impact to I-90 through traffic. Other work may also be underway in the area. Additional minor work to be completed Friday, March 29, with minor traffic interference.

<u>HIGH IMPACT!! SR 2/Almira to Wilbur (Lincoln Co. Line to SR 21, MP 207-220)</u>- Work continues on this repaving project. Beginning <u>Monday, April 1</u>, crews will be grinding off a layer of the existing asphalt from two miles west of Almira to five miles east of Almira. One way piloted traffic control will be in place. Motorists should expect delays of up to 20 minutes. The contractor will also be grading the shoulders throughout the length of the project and installing drainage and signing items.

<u>HIGH IMPACT!! SR 21/Keller Ferry (MP 106)</u>-Beginning on <u>Monday, April 1</u>, the Keller Ferry will be out of service for an engine replacement and other associated repairs. The vessel is expected to return to service on Saturday, April 6th at 6:00 a.m.

SR 194/Pullman to the Snake River (MP 0-23)- Load restrictions have been lifted.

SR 231/Spokane River to Springdale (MP 46-62)- Load restrictions are in effect for SR 231 between the Spokane River and Springdale (MP 46-62) in Stevens County. These restrictions have been placed to protect the roadway surface from damage during thawing conditions. This condition primarily affects fully-loaded, heavy truck traffic. Restrictions may be lifted Tuesday, April 2, at Noon.

<u>HIGH IMPACT!! SR 290-Trent Avenue/Spokane River Bridge (MP 0.4-0.6)-</u>Work is under way on this bridge replacement project between downtown and Hamilton Street. Trent Ave. is closed to through traffic between Riverpoint Blvd. and Cincinnati Street. Detours are fully signed. Access to all businesses on Trent is available. This is a long-term closure.

<u>SR 290/Trent Avenue (Fancher Road to Sullivan Road)</u>- Work continues. Some minor lane restrictions can be expected for the grading, drainage, sign, and illumination work.

<u>U.S. 395-North Spokane Corridor/Hawthorne to U.S. 2</u>- Work continues. Parksmith Road closed to through traffic between Hawthorne Road and Market Street. Motorists should use Hawthorne as an alternate route. Full access to all businesses on Parksmith is open.